

REMARKS

Claims 1-47 are pending, with claims 1, 19, 37, 42, 44 and 46 being independent. Claims 19-36 and 44-45 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

Allowed Subject Matter

Claims 1-18, 37-43 and 46-47 have been allowed. This indication of allowable subject matter is acknowledged and appreciated.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 19-36 and 44-45 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without conceding the propriety of the rejection, claims 19-36 and 44-45 have been amended to clarify that the claimed subject is directed to a machine-readable medium having a software product tangibly embodied therein, which is statutory subject matter. In view of this clarifying amendment, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19-36 and 44-45 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing comments made with respect to the positions taken by the Examiner are not to be construed as acquiescence with other positions of the Examiner that have not been explicitly contested. Accordingly, the above arguments for patentability of a claim should not be

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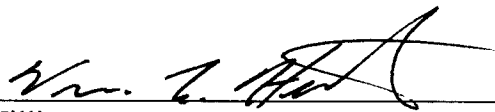
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construed as implying that there are not other valid reasons for patentability of that claim or other claims.

Applicant believes no fees are due. However, please apply any necessary charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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